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## Large scale improvements announced for three underused beach areas



Minister Otmar Oduber

Aruba is famous for its beaches, of which those best known to island visitors are Palm Beach, Eagle Beach and Manchebo Beach, where most of the resorts are situated. However, the island has several lovely and more secluded beach areas that beg for development, and the current administration announced definitive plans to improve these areas during a press conference yesterday morning, July 22.

Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, hosted the conference, with the Minister of Infrastructure, Immigration and Environment, Benny Sevinger, and Minister

of Finance, Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza, in attendance.

The three targeted areas are Baby Beach in San Nicolas, which is often frequented by vacationers, Surfside, on the eastern end of Oranjestad, adjacent to the airport, and the bay at Cura Cubai, at the western end of San Nicolas, which is rarely visited, but offers excellent conditions for many water activities.

The Surfside area is a popular place with islanders, particularly on weekends. The area to be developed is between the Plaza Turismo and the airport, and is actually a part of the sec-

ond phase of development of the Aruba Linear Park. This will eventually stretch along the coastline, from the Reina Beatriz International Airport to north of Malmok and beyond Palm Beach. Minister Sevinger signed the official agreement for commencement of the second phase of the park two weeks ago.

All three beaches will be groomed and landscaped with increased foliage and parking areas. Concession stands for water activities and snacks will be added, as well as public sanitation facilities, adequate refuse containers, and reinforced piers for fishing boats at Surfside and Cura Cabai.

Minister Oduber cited the many advantages of improving these areas, which convinced the government to propose the projects and Parliament to approve them. The benefits will be both to visitors and the community in general. Part of the plan entails arranging with several of the cruise ships to deploy these beaches for their passengers when calling in Oranjestad Harbor. This will relieve the congestion that often occurs along Palm Beach, where the shoreline is already crowded with hotel guests. By directing the vast number of single-day visitors to these attractive, empty beaches, the vacation experience will be improved for both cruise ship passengers and stay over visitors.

Minister Sevinger explained that the influx to the areas will provide opportunity for commerce among those living in these neighborhoods, allowing them to do business closer to home. Improvements to Baby Beach and the development of Cura Cubai are particularly in line with the present administration's plan to revitalize San Nicolas and see it become a secondary center of tourism. Eventually, some small, "boutique" resorts would also fit into this plan.



Surfside area Linear Park Phase II

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## It's a Prince! Baby boy for Britain's William and Kate



LONDON (AFP) - Prince William's wife Kate yesterday gave birth to a baby boy who will one day inherit the British throne, Kensington Palace said in a statement.

"Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge has safely delivered of a son at 4:24 pm," said the statement. "The baby weighs 8 lbs 6 oz. (3.8 kilos)."

Kate and her child were both "doing well" and will remain in hospital overnight, it added.

William was present for the birth at St. Mary's Hos-

pital in central London while the queen was "delighted" after hearing of the news, said the palace.

"The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales, The Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Harry and members of both families have been informed and are delighted with the news," added the palace press release.

Crowds cheered outside Buckingham Palace as the long-awaited news was finally announced at 8:30 pm local time.

## EU blacklists Hezbollah's 'military wing'

BRUSSELS (AFP) - European Union foreign ministers yesterday put the military wing of the Lebanese Shiite group Hezbollah on its list of terrorist organisations despite Lebanon's warning against such a move.

At the same time, analysts voiced doubts about the effectiveness of the measure, questioning if Hezbollah really can be broken down into separate parts for punishment or reward.

Britain, which had pressed long and hard for the decision, had no misgivings however that the EU was doing the right

thing.

"In reaching this agreement, the EU has sent a clear message that it stands united against terrorism," British Foreign Secretary William Hague said at the end of the one-day ministers' talks.

Asked about the difficulty of targeting Hezbollah's military wing alone, he conceded it would not be straightforward.

"We will have to distinguish as best we can" between the various parts, he said, suggesting military and administrative sections could be identified.

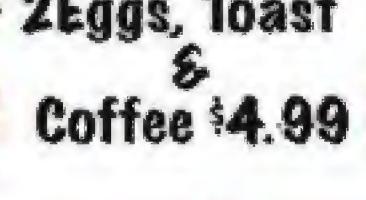
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## Large scale improvements announced ... Aruba's I Am Your Island

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Detail Cura Cabai.



Baby Beach beautification plan

"San Nicolas and its environs does provide a more authentic Caribbean experience," observed Minister Oduber. "We wish this to be part of the tourist experience; a more realistic example of island and regional culture."

Minister Oduber stated the cost of the three projects combined will be 7.2 million Aruban florins (4.11 Million Dollars U.S.) and it will be

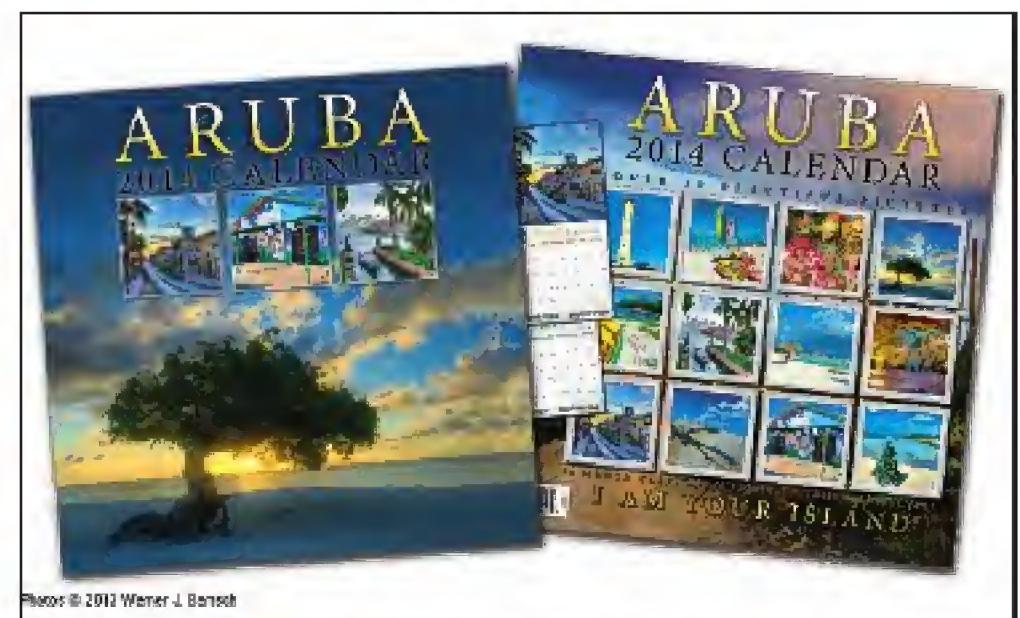
funded in the majority by the Fundo Desaroyo Arubano, FDA (Aruba Development Fund) with minor amounts coming from other sources. They are now accepting bids on the projects, and hope to see the Baby Beach improvements completed within 6 to 9 months.

The ministers pointed out there is presently 87 beautification projects taking place in

all neighborhoods of Aruba. Their ultimate vision is that Aruba not only consists of one or two specific areas worth visiting by vacationers, but for the island to be a cohesive whole, offer many enjoyable experiences and interesting sights no matter where tourists travel on the island.

Rosalie Klein

## 2014 Calendar Has Arrived



Cover, front and back

Aruba's popular and scenic 2014 calendar is now available at all DeWitt locations and a variety of souvenir stores and hotel stores throughout the island. The 12 X 12 inch sized calendar has ample room to note daily appointments, personal comments and mark special occasions.

The 2014 calendar again compliments Aruba I am Your Island, a book which chronicles the island's character, her colors-warm and majestic; the history-obscure and elusive; its folklore-amusing and mythological.

The stunning colorful photographs chosen for the 2014 calendar, utilizing HDR Photography (High Dynamic Range), feature Aruba's tropical scenes: its sunrises, beautiful beaches, intensive colors and its island charm. From the pristine beaches of Eagle Beach to the rocky caves at Arikok National Park, each photo in this large wall calendar tells a story of Aruba. As a bonus, each month includes a local favorite island recipe such as Chobolobo, Panlevi and Bolo di Pan.

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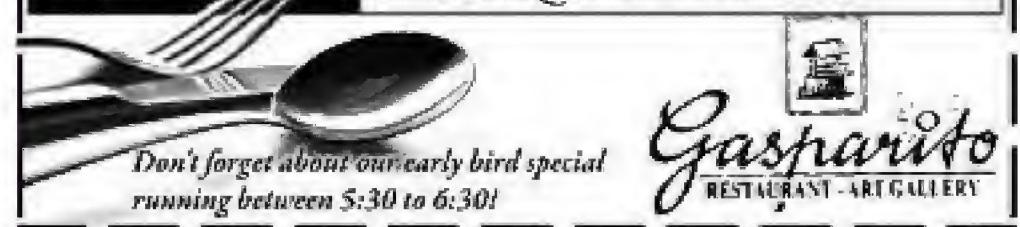
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## Tropical Wave 98L a marginal threat to develop

A strong and well-organized tropical wave moved off the coast of Africa yesterday, and has been designated 98L by NHC. This disturbance is headed west at 10 - 15 mph, and is under a moderate 10 - 15 knots of wind shear. A large amount of dry air lies to the north and west of 98L, and will likely interfere with development. The SHIPS model predicts that wind shear will stay in the moderate range through Thursday, then rise to the high range, 20 - 30 knots, on Friday and Saturday. Ocean temperature will cool to 25 - 26°C today through Thursday, a temperature that is quite marginal for development. None of the computer models predict that 98L will develop but NHC yesterday gave 98L a 10% chance of developing into a tropical cyclone by Wednesday. 98L should maintain a west to west-northwest track through the week, and may bring heavy rains and gusty winds to the northern Lesser Antilles Islands beginning on Saturday night.

## Two companies interested in building Aruba's new Hospital

Last Friday was the deadline for participating in the public bid for constructing Aruba's new Hospital. During the bidding period there were various companies interested, however, only three followed through on the bidding. Yet, only two companies turned in an official bid to Notary Ralph Yarzagaray's Offices.

The two international companies to submit a formal bid are: Bouygues Batiment International, and Arellanos Construction. Both companies will work together with a local con-

struction company as specified in the official rules of the public bid. They have chosen to work with Bohama and Albo as their partners.

The construction work on the Hospital will take about 4 years to complete and will be tied to certain stringent conditions in order to guarantee the highest standards of quality. During the first two years they will build two new buildings in the yard of the existing Hospital. One building will be the Medical Office Building and the other directly in front of the



actual Emergency department. It will house an Emergency section, delivery rooms and three floors for patient care. In the final two years they will renovate the existing Hospital building. The total cost of this project is estimated to cost 252 million Aruban florins, which includes construction costs, 4 years of supervision, purchase of the actual Hospital building, architectural costs, preparation and much more.

SOGA, through the Aruba Investment Bank, has sought local and international financing to come up with the necessary funds for the construction and maintenance for a 30 year period.

SOGA has informed both companies in the bidding that between July 22 and 31st they will have evaluated the bids and do a presentation of the offers. At the start of August they



will select the winner and begin the process of negotiation so as to sign a Letter of Intent which will be followed by the signing of a contract. The intention is to begin construction sometime between September and October.

SOGA and AIB expressed their gratitude to their partners involved in the process, among them, the government, the

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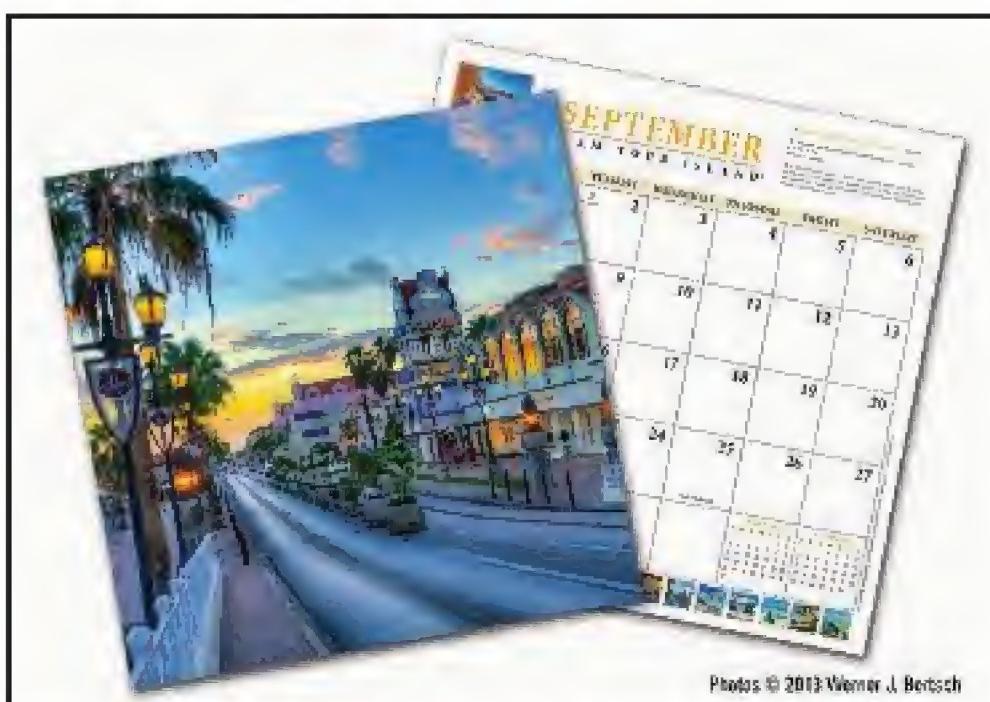
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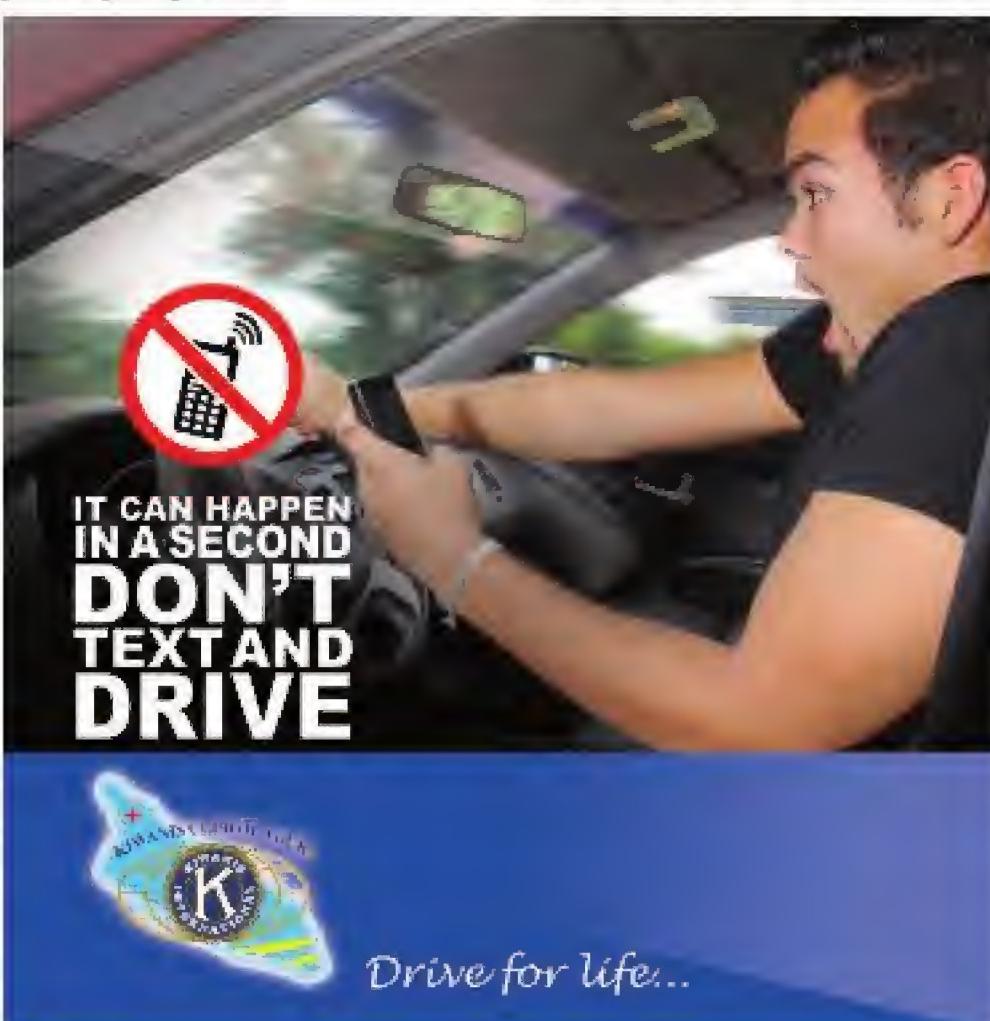
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Each year, the challenge to capture different and exciting photographs of Aruba in a new and exciting way is always accomplished by photographer and part time Aruba resident, Werner J. Bertsch, [www.WernerJBertsch.com](http://www.WernerJBertsch.com). Various elements such as light, shadows and contrast can change each subject, but through his years as a photographer, Werner has learned to be patient and wait for that moment when the subject is just perfect.

In addition to photography and publishing, Werner also teaches photography classes in Aruba. Workshops and/or one-on-one instructions offer various elements and topics depending on the student's interest and levels of achievement. Information about the workshops can be found at [www.CaribbeanPhotoWorkshop.com](http://www.CaribbeanPhotoWorkshop.com). If you missed to purchase the calendar in Aruba you may also order it at [www.BluewaterIslands.com](http://www.BluewaterIslands.com).



## Jerrel Franca delivers an educational and emotional lecture to Colorado Rehab Center clients

Jerrel Franca is an orthodontia student nearly finished with her studies at the Universidad El Bosque in Bogota, Colombia. Recently, Ms. Franca was approached by Angelene Schaaraai, who works at the Colorado Rehab Center, to give a lecture on oral health to the center's clients.

Ms Franca understands how important it is to educate the clients on oral hygiene and health, particularly of the harm caused by alcohol and drugs. The informative lecture also served as motivation for the clients; it demonstrated they are not forgotten and there are members of the community who are concerned about their rehabilitation. Such interactions serve as a stimulus for them to do their utmost to be useful to our society.

According to Ms. Franca, it was a unique and unforgettable experience. The clients were very interested and at the end of the lecture the clients came forward with many questions. Ms. Franca answered was candid and clear in her responses, which all those attending easily understand. She entertained her audience by interacting and eliciting their participation, displaying humor and various objects, to keep their attention while citing examples.

Ms Franca expressed her gratitude to Mannique Capriles Agency, which donated toothpaste, toothbrush and Listerine to all the clients. Special thanks also go to Martijn Trading for the soaps and the educational posters. She also thanked her teachers, even though not present, for their support, and her parents who always encouraged her during her training. This was her first presentation in Papiamento.

At the end of the lecture, the staff of Colorado Rehab



Center approached Aruba Sports Unie President, Mr. Franca, for his help in getting sports material for the rehab clients to keep fit through athletic pastimes. They also talked with Ms. Paula Nahr of the Switch Foundation, who regularly has approached local businesses for donations of products for the rehab clients' basic needs.



# Despite baby, shades of grey still dominate British monarchy

LONDON (AFP) - The birth of Prince William and Kate's son is supposed to give the British royal family an injection of youth, but the monarchy will likely rest in elderly control for decades to come, analysts say.

At 87, Queen Elizabeth II shows no sign of relaxing her solemn coronation vow of lifelong duty, while her eldest son Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, is 64 and potentially still many years from the throne.

The birth of a child to Charles's eldest son William

will mean that four generations of monarchs will be drifting round the corridors of Buckingham Palace, leading royal commentators to ponder on the growing succession queue.

"If the queen lives as long as her mother, 101, then Prince Charles will be 80 before he succeeds to the throne. We might have a succession of very elderly monarchs," Robert Hazell, director of the Constitution Unit at University College London, told AFP.

The queen inherited the throne in 1952 aged 25 following the early death of her fa-

ther, King George VI, at the age of 56.

She celebrated her 60 years on the throne last year and is approaching the longevity record of Queen Victoria, who reigned for 63 years, 216 days until her death in 1901.

First in line is Charles, who quipped last month with the Commonwealth's outgoing chief rabbi: "I realise, of course, that we have both reached the official age of retirement. But I hope yours is going to be a bit more realistic than mine."

The Daily Telegraph news-

paper reported it under the headline: "Retiring? I haven't even begun my job."

He is followed in the line of succession by William, 31, who tops the royal popularity polls.

The new royal baby is third in line to the throne.

-- The abdication taboo --

"This baby represents the next generation and the ability of this dynasty to survive," Patrick Jephson, former private secretary to William's late mother Diana, princess of Wales, told AFP.

"Their first responsibility as

a dynasty is not to open hospitals and be kind to animals; it is to perpetuate the dynasty."

In 2013, Pope Benedict XVI, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, King Albert II of Belgium, and the emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, have all abdicated in favour of younger successors.

But Queen Elizabeth, loyal to her vows, shows no sign of giving way to Charles.

Hazell said he had tried in vain to start a public debate on the abdication taboo.

"If we inflicted that punishing amount of work on any other woman of 87, people would call it granny abuse!", he said.

The Times newspaper's columnist David Aaronovitch said the birth of the heir to the heir to the heir to the throne was "not a bad moment for her to tell us that she would now like to spend more time, deservedly, with her horses, corals and great-grandchildren".

Though her health and stamina remain robust, the queen has slowly started to share the burden with younger royals, with Charles taking a growing role.

In November, he will represent his mother -- the head of the Commonwealth -- at the organisation's biennial summit in Sri Lanka.

The "transition" could be a difficult sell.

The popularity of Charles -- and his second wife Camilla even more so -- is still hampered, with acceptance of their relationship growing at a snail's pace since his 1992 separation from his first wife Diana, princess of Wales.

Plus, as Charles himself noted, they too are getting old.

-- Gentle transition --

Another hazard is that Charles risks being seen as a "caretaker monarch" while people wait for William.

And as for the new father, once the baby euphoria calms, "it won't take long for people to question how he spends his time."

The Regency Act 1937 sets out that the next adult in line should act as regent if the sovereign is a minor or is incapacitated.

In the event of physical or mental incapacity, 48 percent believe Queen Elizabeth should step down, according to a YouGov survey in May.

Joe Twyman, the polling firm's director of political and social research, said the public seemed increasingly comfortable with Charles taking on more ceremonial duties.

"If not an abdication, then there is a sense of passing of the torch," he said.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Paris backs police, veil ban after 'unacceptable' violence

TRAPPES (AFP) - The French government yesterday condemned as "unacceptable" weekend violence outside Paris triggered by the country's ban on full-face veils and strongly defended the controversial law.

Two senior members of the government, Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault and Interior Minister Manuel Valls spoke following the violence in the suburb of Trappes.

The unrest erupted after a man was detained for allegedly attacking a police officer who

had stopped his wife over her full-face veil -- a practice that is banned in France, outraging many in the Muslim community.

Ayrault said the subsequent violence was "unacceptable" and called on everyone to respect the law. He also called on the right-wing opposition to act "responsibly" and back the government as, he said, the Socialists had in 2005 during another period of rioting.

He said he was "advising those on the right to avoid caricatures and cease polemics."

### At least 89 dead in China earthquakes



A man stands on a damaged house in Hetuo township in Dingxi, northwest China's Gansu province. (AFP)

LANZHOU (AFP) - Rescuers battled through landslides and clogged roads in a bid to reach victims of twin earthquakes in northwest China yesterday which killed 89 people, injured almost 600 and damaged more than 20,000 buildings.

The tremors in Gansu province -- with magnitudes of 5.9 and 5.6 -- triggered landslides which buried often crudely constructed local houses, government-run broadcaster

CCTV reported.

Pictures from the scene showed simple buildings reduced to rubble, with pieces of corrugated metal roofing scattered over the wreckage.

The government of Dingxi city in Gansu said on a social media account that 14 people remained A red rainstorm alert was issued for the area, which could further obstruct rescue attempts in the mountainous region.

### EU blacklists Hezbollah 'military wing'

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Hague also said he recognised that "Hezbollah has a political role in Lebanon ... but violence ... is unacceptable".

To get the agreement, ministers had to overcome reservations in some member states that it would further destabilise Lebanon where the Iranian-backed militant group plays a key role in politics and has dominated the government since 2011.

Accordingly, EU political and economic ties with Lebanon will be fully maintained in a delicate balancing act.

It is also only the military wing that is affected, after it was blamed for a deadly attack on Israeli tourists in Bulgaria last year.

In March, a Hezbollah operative was also convicted in Cyprus of plotting a similar attack.

Yesterday's political decision will be given legal form within days and most likely result in sanctions such as an asset freeze.

The EU adopted a terror

### Brazilians throng streets to greet pope

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Legions of pilgrims welcomed Pope Francis to Rio de Janeiro yesterday, lining the streets of the tropical city to greet Latin America's first pontiff.

Crowds cheered as the 76-year-old Argentine stepped on the tarmac of Rio's airport to be met by President Dilma Rousseff and other senior officials.

Pope Francis has come to Brazil, an emerging power with a shrinking Catholic flock, to promote his vision of a more humble church and to attend World Youth Day.

But excitement about his first overseas visit brought thousands Brazilians into the streets, singing, clapping and waving the flags of Argentina and other countries.

From the airport, Pope Francis headed to the Cathedral of San Sebastian, where he hopped on an open-top jeep to mingle with the crowds.

He started his week-long visit with talks with Rousseff at the Rio state governor's palace later in the day.



Hezbollah symbol

and sanctions regime in late 2001 after the September 11 attacks in the United States so as to target individuals and groups.

As of last year, there were 25 groups named, among them several Palestinian entities, FARC, the Colombian insurgent movement, and Peru's Shining Path.

On Thursday, Lebanon asked Brussels not to blacklist Hezbollah on the grounds the militant group was an "essential component of Lebanese society".

Hezbollah fought a bitter war with Israel in 2006 and more recently has been providing military support to the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad as it tries to put down an insurgency that has escalated into civil war.

The decision to put the

### US to hold 'review' hearings for Guantanamo inmates

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities plan to hold long-delayed hearings for dozens of detainees held at Guantanamo to decide if they still pose a threat to the United States, the Pentagon said yesterday.

President Barack Obama had ordered the review boards back in March, 2011 but it has taken more than two years for US government agencies to finally carry out the plan, prompting criticism from rights groups.

The move follows renewed pledges from Obama to close the controversial Guantanamo jail, despite opposition from some members of Congress, and comes against the backdrop of a hunger strike by dozens of detainees.

The review hearings will apply to 71 of the 166 men held at the prison at the US naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Todd Breasseale said.

Most of that group have been designated as too dangerous to release but have not

militia on the EU's list of terrorist groups required the unanimous consent of the bloc's 28 members.

Analysts however were sceptical as to its actual impact, saying it was virtually impossible to distinguish between the military and political wings of Hezbollah.

"It is the security wing, not the military, which is the most effective and the most dangerous in Hezbollah," said Waddah Charara, professor of sociology at Lebanese University.

"The EU move actually gives Hezbollah a lot of leeway, especially given that the party works in a secret fashion and operates through many channels," he added. "It also allows the EU to continue to have contacts with the 'political' Hezbollah."

The United States, Australia, Britain, Canada and the Netherlands had all previously blacklisted Hezbollah as a terrorist group separately.

Support for the EU sanctions against Hezbollah grew in recent weeks after the party admitted it was sending fighters to back Assad's regime.

Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni praised the EU decision, saying it was the right move but Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati reiterated his government's objections.

been charged with any crime as there is not enough permissible evidence to allow a trial.

The "periodic review boards" will not examine whether the detainees are being held lawfully at Guantanamo, but only whether the inmates still constitute a security threat to America that merits continued detention, Breasseale said in a statement.

The boards will "determine whether continued detention is warranted for certain detainees to protect against a continuing significant threat to the security of the United States," he said.

In each case before the board there will be a "hearing, at which the detainee or his representatives will be able to present information and argument in his favor," he said.

The Pentagon has begun notifying detainees about the boards but officials did not say when the panels would start holding hearings or whether journalists would be allowed to follow the proceedings.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS****Madonna, Sting join 100 stars demanding Pussy Riot release**

GENEVA (AFP) - More than 100 famous musicians including Madonna, Elton John and Sting called yesterday for Russia to release two members of feminist punk-rock band Pussy Riot, jailed for an anti-government protest performance.

In an open letter coordinated by rights group Amnesty International, the celebrities voiced their support for Maria Alyokhina, 25, and Nadezhda Tolokonnikova, 23, and decried their "shockingly unjust trial and imprisonment."

The two women are being held in separate Russian penal colonies to serve two-year jail terms imposed after their band performed a protest song against President Vladimir Putin in an Orthodox cathedral in Moscow in February 2012.

"While understanding the sensitivities of protesting in a place of worship, we ask that the Russian authorities review these harsh sentences, so that

you may return to your children, your families and your lives," read the letter. "You have been accused of what could be described as a 'victimless' crime, but in our opinion, in a just society, there can be no crime where there is no identifiable victim."

"Your strength, bravery and fearlessness are an inspiration to us all," concluded the letter, signed by the likes of Joan Baez, Bjork, the Clash, PJ Harvey, Patti Smith, Paul McCartney, Youssou N'Dour and Bruce Springsteen.

The letter was published ahead of scheduled appeal hearings on July 24 and 26 for the two imprisoned band members, nearly a year after their initial sentences last August.

A third member of the band, Yekaterina Samutsevich, was convicted but later released on appeal with a suspended sentence and strict probation conditions.

**Army, M23 rebels resume fighting in eastern DR Congo**

GOMA (AFP) - Fresh fighting raged in the Democratic Republic of Congo's restive east for several hours yesterday as army helicopters attacked positions of the M23 rebels, who fired mortars in return, both sides said.

The latest clashes in the central African country's mineral-rich but conflict-torn east broke four days of relative calm, further damaging a tattered truce that had lasted from late May, when UN chief Ban

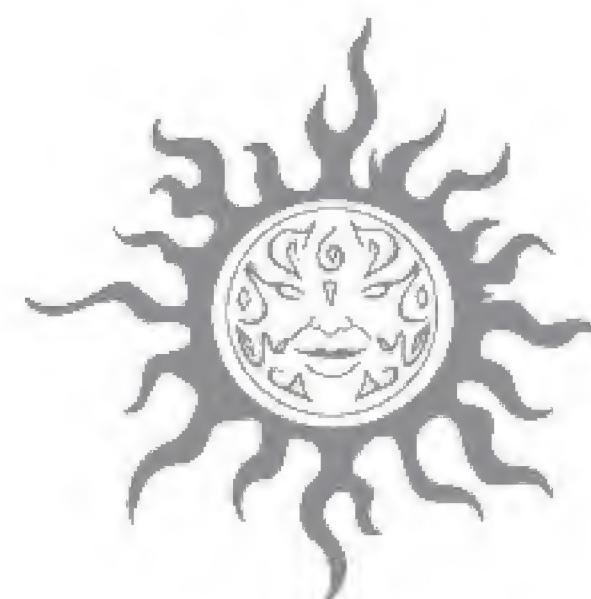
Ki-moon visited the region, until July 14.

"There have been clashes between our troops and the M23," a Congolese officer said.

The M23, a group launched by Tutsi ex-soldiers who mutinied from the army in April 2012, confirmed the clashes and said army helicopters were attacking its positions around the towns of Kibati, just north of the flashpoint city of Goma, and Uvira, some 300 kilometers (200 miles) to the south.



**NORWAY, Oslo :** People lay flowers outside Oslo Cathedral, after the memorial service which took place to mark the second anniversary of the twin Oslo-Utoeya massacre by self confessed killer Anders Breivik on July 22, 2013 in Oslo. (AFP PHOTO)



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## At least 500 escape in deadly assaults on Iraq prisons

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Militants attacked two Iraqi prisons, including notorious Abu Ghraib, with mortars, bombs and gunfire, freeing at least 500 inmates in assaults that cost more than 40 lives, officials said yesterday.

The coordinated attacks on Taji prison, north of Baghdad, and Abu Ghraib, west of the capital, were launched on Sunday night and triggered fighting that raged for around 10 hours, officials said.

A frenzy of comments posted on social media, including some Twitter accounts apparently operated by jihadists, claimed that thousands of prisoners had escaped.

The two prisons had held around 10,000 inmates between them, an interior mi-

nistry official said.

"About 500 prisoners escaped from Abu Ghraib prison," Hakem al-Zamili, a member of the parliamentary security and defence committee, told AFP adding that the escaped prisoners were "terrorists" but that, to his knowledge, no inmates managed to break out from Taji.

However, another security and defence committee member, said in an online statement that between 500 and 1,000 inmates escaped from the two

The interior ministry had issued a statement before midnight on Sunday saying the attacks had already been foiled. A statement released by the ministry yesterday however said that prisoners had escaped and were still on the loose.



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# 30 million girls risk genital mutilation: UNICEF

WASHINGTON (AFP) - More than 125 million girls and women alive today have undergone female genital mutilation, and 30 million more girls are at risk in the next decade, UNICEF said Monday.

Although genital cutting is on the decline, the practice remains "almost universal" in some countries, said the report by the United Nations Children's Fund. The report compiles 20 years of data across 29 countries in Africa and the Middle East.

The tradition involves removal of some or all of a female's external genitalia. It can include cutting out the clitoris and sometimes sewing together the labia.

Laws are not enough to stop the practice entirely, and more people must speak out in order to eliminate it among certain ethnic groups and communities, the researchers said.

The tradition remains "remarkably persistent, despite nearly a century of attempts to eliminate it," it said.

"As many as 30 million girls are at risk of being cut over the next decade if current trends persist."

Social acceptance is the most commonly cited reason



for continuing genital cutting, even though it is considered a violation of human rights, UNICEF found.

The practice "is becoming less common in slightly more than half of the 29 countries studied," said the report, noting that "overall support for the practice is declining."

The ritual is practiced by various faiths, including Christians, Muslims and followers of African traditional religions. Some believe it improves a girl's marriage prospects, or that it is more aesthetically pleasing.

The report found the highest rates in Somalia, where 98 percent of females aged 15-49 have been cut, followed by 96 percent in Guinea, 93 percent in Djibouti and 91 percent in Egypt.

The amount of data for analysis varied from country

to country, but declines were apparent over time in countries like Kenya and Tanzania, where women in their 40s were three times as likely to have undergone cutting as girls 15-19.

Prevalence of genital cutting among teenage girls has dropped by about half in Benin, the Central African Republic, Iraq, Liberia and Nigeria.

However, there was "no discernible decline in countries such as Chad, Gambia, Mali, Senegal, Sudan or Yemen," it said.

The report also found that even though the genital cutting is often considered a form of patriarchal control, there is a similar level of support among men and women for stopping it.

"Social acceptance is the most frequently mentioned reason for supporting the continuation of the practice," said report author Claudia Cappa, a UNICEF statistics specialist.

"This is the main reason why women -- mothers still have their daughters cut. And this is done sometimes even if they think the practice should be discontinued," she told reporters in Washington.

## Heart-Healthy Diet Quick Tips

peanut oils, and avocado.

### Shell Out for Nuts

Nuts and seeds tend to be very high in fat and calories, but generally most of the fat is the heart-healthy polyunsaturated or monounsaturated kind. Some varieties, however, such as macadamia nuts, are also high in saturated fat so check labels.

### Go Bananas

One banana has 422 mg—about 12 percent of your recommended daily dose—of potassium. Research suggests that diets rich in potassium can help lower blood pressure. Other good sources include sweet potatoes (694 mg for one medium), nonfat yogurt (579 mg for 1 cup) and spinach (419 mg for ½ cup, cooked).



### Eat the Right Fats

Studies suggest that replacing saturated fats (e.g., butter) with plant-based sources of polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats may help lower blood cholesterol. Sources of polyunsaturated fats include corn and soybeans, and many nuts and seeds and their oils. Monounsaturated fat sources include canola, olive and

## Going the distance for love, naked woman takes wheel for boyfriend

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss police said a woman was literally caught with her pants down over the weekend after taking the wheel in the nude to try to cover for her unlicensed male friend.

Police said the pair's car stopped some 100 metres (yards) before a roadside checkpoint on Sunday night near the city of Baar in central Switzerland, then proceeded to drive up to officers -- who found the 27-year-old woman naked at the wheel.

According to officers, the couple soon admitted to having switched seats for fear that the 29-year-old man would be detained for the second time in two days for driving without a license.

Police said the woman refused to explain the reason for her nudity by invoking her right to remain silent.

The man, who saw his car seized in the incident, is now awaiting a court hearing where he will be expected to explain his actions.

The woman was not charged.



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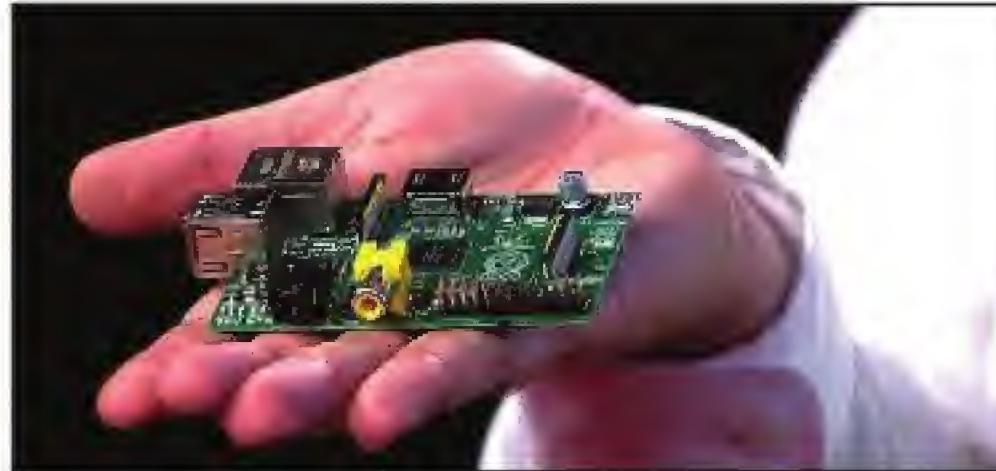
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# World's cheapest computer gets millions tinkering



LONDON (AFP) - It's a single circuit board the size of a credit card with no screen or keyboard, a far cry from the smooth tablets that dominate the technology market.

But the world's cheapest computer, costing just \$25 (£17, 19.50 euros), has astonished its British creators by selling almost 1.5 million units in 18 months.

The Raspberry Pi is now powering robots in Japan and warehouse doors in Malawi, photographing astral bodies from the United States and helping to dodge censorship in China.

"We're closing in on one and a half million (sales) for something that we thought would sell a thousand," said Eben Upton, executive director of the Raspberry Pi Foundation.

"It was just supposed to be a little thing to solve a little problem."

"We've sold many more to children than we expected to sell, but even more to adults. They're using it like Lego to connect things up."

The device, which runs the open-source Linux operating system, was designed as an educational tool for children to learn coding.

But its potential for almost infinite tinkering and customisation has fired up the imaginations of hobbyists and inventors around the world.

#### -- Ways to play --

Tokyo inventor Shota Ishiwatari has created a small humanoid robot run by a Pi, which can tell you the weather, manage your diary and even make coffee.

"I wanted to create something by using a 3D printer and the Raspberry Pi - two cool items," he told AFP, adding that he also wanted to demonstrate the potential of the microcomputer.

"Many Raspberry Pi users did not know how to have fun with the chip. I wanted to present practical ways to play with it."

Upton and his colleagues first thought of creating a

cheap computer suited to programming when they were teaching computer science at Cambridge University.

They noticed that children of the wired generation lacked the day-to-day experience of coding that was so formative for the computer geeks who grew up in the 1980s.

"They didn't have the grungy familiarity with the dirty bits, the hacking," Upton told AFP.

"The theory of computer science is maths, but the practice is a craft, like carpentry."

Upton reminisces happily about his childhood coding on a BBC Micro, a rugged early personal computer from 1982.

Back then, you had to know a computer "language" in order to use one at all. But home computers are now so complex that parents often ban children from interfering with the underlying code.

Upton and his colleagues saw that developments in technology meant something like the Micro could now be created for a fraction of the cost, in pocket size, with the capacity to run multimedia programmes.

Demand for the device, assembled in Wales, was so high that the websites of its distributors crashed.

#### -- Raspberry jams --

User groups called Raspberry Jams now meet monthly in cities from Manchester to Singapore to share ideas.

A Raspberry Jam brought together the team behind a Pi camera that will photograph rhinos and other endangered animals in east Africa, generating data on their habits and on poaching.

The Instant Wild system, backed by the Zoological Society of London, already operates in several countries, beaming images via satellite to park rangers and to an app that crowdsources identifications of animals.

But by replacing expensive purpose-built equipment with cheaper Raspberry Pis, Instant Wild hopes to vastly expand its work.

## Sci-Tech

### Facebook says app for 'simple' phones used by 100 million

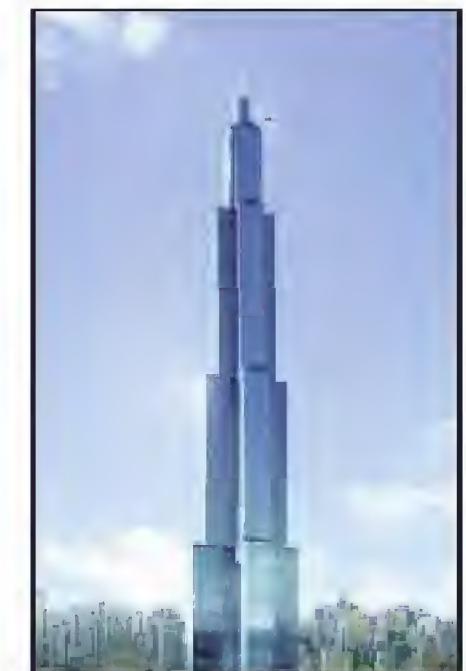
NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US social network giant Facebook said Monday it has surpassed 100 million users a month using an application designed for "simple" mobile phones widely used in developing nations.

Launched two years ago, the "Facebook For Every Phone" app enables people to connect "no matter what kind of mobile device they use," the company said in a statement.

"Today, millions of people in developing markets like India, Indonesia and the Philippines are relying on this technology to connect with Facebook, without having to purchase a (more expensive) smartphone," Facebook said.

The app "includes Facebook's most popular features, such as News Feed, Messenger and Photos," and allows first-time users to create a new account and find old friends.

**Foundation work starts for world's tallest building in China**

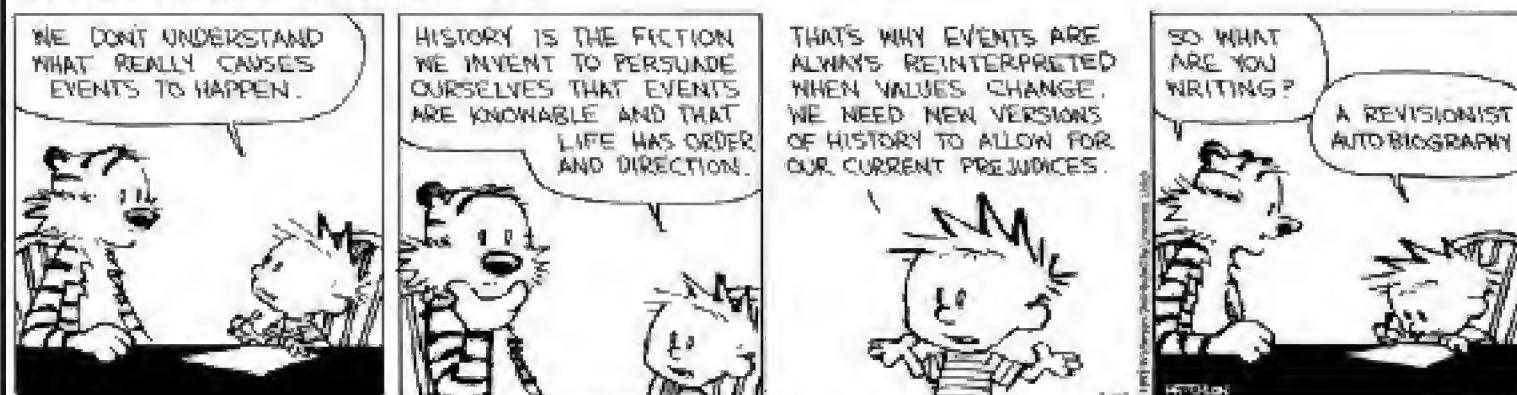


BEIJING (AFP) - Work on the foundations of an 838-metre skyscraper, a little above the current record-holder, the 830-metre Burj Khalifa in Dubai, has begun in China which will be the world's tallest building its constructor said Monday, adding the tower would be completed by April.

The tower will boast a 10 kilometre long walkway stretching from the ground to the 170th floor, the group says, as well as a cinema, park and a children's playground.

Previous reports have said the building is designed to withstand a 9.0 level earthquake. The building's construction will take just four months once the foundations are laid and cost nine billion yuan (\$1.5 billion), the statement said.

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- Moses' brother
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- Cook cabbage
- Pekoe et al.
- Arthurian knight
- Weapon
- Clamping devices
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- Author Bagnold
- Decree
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- George Gershwin's brother
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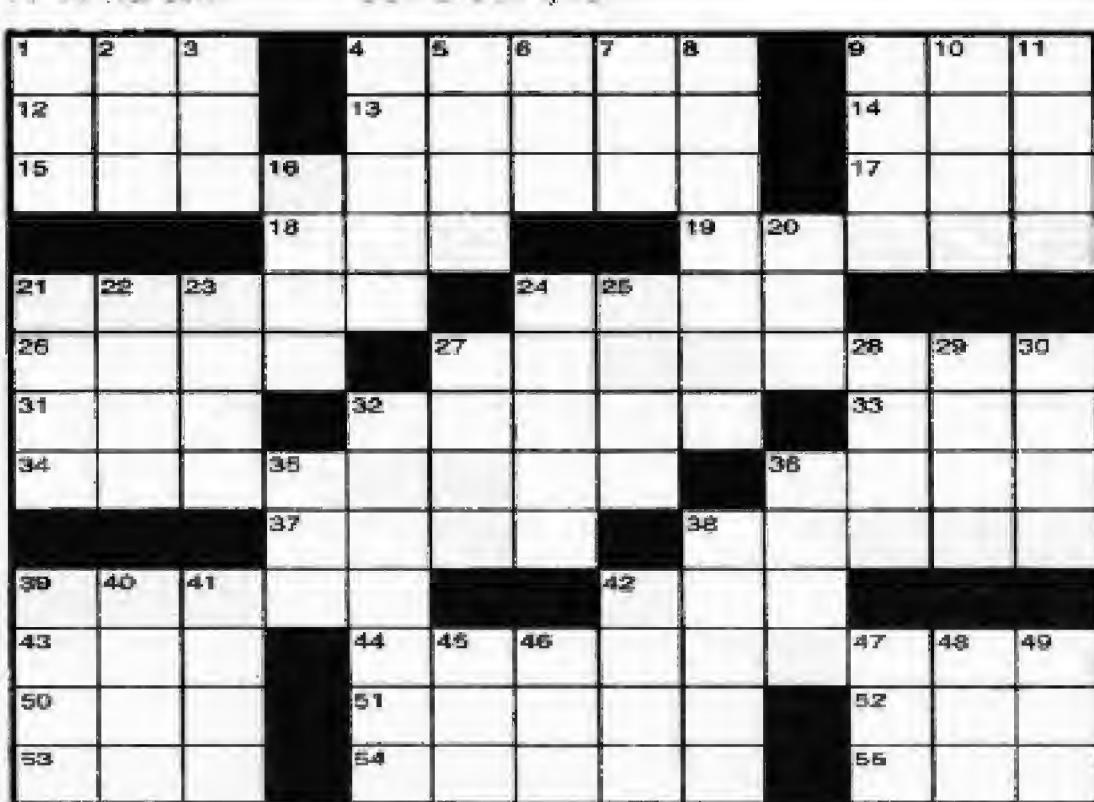
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9. A number is never repeated in a row or column. In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

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**Finance****US 'spoofing' trader faces \$4.5 million in penalties**

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US and British regulators yesterday announced settlements totaling \$4.5 million with a US high-speed trader who allegedly made more than \$1 million using a series of fake commodity trades.

The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission announced a \$2.8 million settlement with Panther Energy Trading of New Jersey and its owner, Michael Coscia. Half of the sum will go to a civil monetary penalty, while the other \$1.4 million is to disgorge trading profits.

Coscia and Panther must also pay an additional \$800,000 to the CME Group, which owns several leading commodities exchanges, the CFTC said in a statement. In addition, they have to pay about \$1.3 million to disgorge trading profits.

The CFTC banned Panther and Coscia from trading on any of its entities for one year, while CME Group banned Coscia from trading on its exchanges for six months, the statement said.

Britain's Financial Conduct Authority fined Coscia \$903,000 in the case. The fine was reduced from a \$1.15 million fine because Coscia

agreed to settle, the FCA said. Coscia declined to comment yesterday.

The CFTC order charges Coscia and Panther with a disruptive, illegal trading practice known as "spoofing" in which the trader enters a relatively small order to sell futures contracts, which is then quickly followed by several large "buy" orders at successively higher prices. The trader then cancels the buy orders before they are completed, but benefits by pushing up the price on the items being sold.

"By placing the large buy orders, Coscia and Panther sought to give the market the impression that there was significant buying interest, which suggested that prices would soon rise, raising the likelihood that other market participants would buy from the small order Coscia and Panther were then offering to sell," the CFTC said.

"With this back and forth, Coscia and Panther profited on the executions of the small orders many times over the period in question."

Coscia and Panther did not admit or deny the CFTC's findings in accepting the settlement terms, the CFTC said.



**NEW DELHI :** AFP photo shows an Indian sweeper pushing a garbage cart in a metal scrap market in New Delhi. With the Indian rupee depreciating by about 10 percent this year, scrap metal importers are halting fresh purchases on the concern of increasing raw material costs which they would be unable to onpass to the consumer.

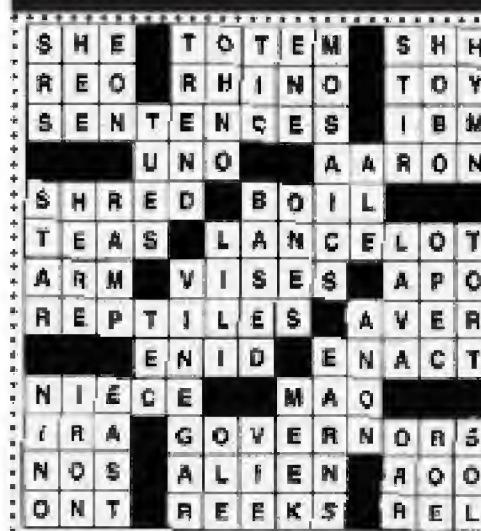
**Yahoo! buys back shares from hedge fund**

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Yahoo! said yesterday it agreed to buy back 40 million shares from a hedge fund which sought a breakup of the Internet giant last year.

The company said it agreed to buy the shares from Third Point LLC, led by activist investor Daniel Loeb, at Friday's closing price of \$29.11 per share.

After the transaction Third Point will hold some 20 million shares, or less than two percent of Yahoo!'s outstanding common stock.

Yahoo! shares have nearly doubled over the past year since Marissa Mayer took over as chief executive.

**FRIDAY'S Crossword Answer****ICAO predicts continued growth through 2015**

-- World scheduled air passenger traffic grew by 4.9 percent in 2012, reaching 5.4 trillion passenger-kilometers performed (PKPs) and is expected to increase by 4.8, 5.9 and 6.3 percent in 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively, according to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The 4.9 percent growth in PKPs (international and domestic services combined) recorded by airlines of the 191 Member States of ICAO was significantly lower than the 6.6 percent increase posted in 2011. The number of passengers grew by some 4.7 percent to almost 3 billion, while departures were up 0.7 percent to 31.2 million globally.

ICAO expects world scheduled air traffic, in terms of PKPs, to grow by 4.8 percent in 2013, close to the growth rate recorded in 2012.



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Switzerland	CHF	189.40	190.12	190.92
Netherlands	EUR	232.37	234.49	236.85
Sweden	SEK	26.42	27.14	27.94
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**UBS settles US mortgage lawsuit**

ZURICH (AFP) - Swiss banking giant UBS said yesterday it had settled a lawsuit linked to US subprime housing mortgages which sparked the 2008 global financial crisis.

The bank did not specify how much the settlement amounted to, but said it had set aside 865 million Swiss francs (\$922 million, 700 million euros) in the second quarter to meet litigation costs including the case.

"The full cost of the settlement is covered by litigation provisions established by UBS during the second quarter of 2013 and in prior periods," Switzerland's biggest bank said in a statement.

UBS and 17 other financial institutions were sued by the US Federal Housing Finance

Agency (FHFA) in September 2011 for violating federal securities laws when selling residential mortgage-backed securities to government-backed lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The agency accused the 18 firms of misleading Fannie and Freddie about the credit-worthiness of the assets.

This contributed to the implosion of the US housing market and the subsequent tanking of the multitrillion-dollar mortgage-backed securities market.

UBS said it had reached an agreement "in principle" with FHFA that still needed a final go-ahead from the different parties and that would settle claims connected to the securities between 2004 and 2007.

**COLON : View**

*of a container with the MIG-21 jets found inside the North Korean Chong Chon Gang vessel where an alleged Soviet-built radar control system for surface-to-air missiles was found, at the Manzanillo Port in Colon, 90 km from Panama City. UN sanctions experts will go to Panama soon to investigate a North Korean ship that was intercepted carrying weapons, a US diplomat said Thursday. The vessel set out from Cuba and was trying to enter the Panama Canal when it was stopped by an anti-narcotics patrol, which later found the weapons concealed beneath several tons of sugar.*



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## Wrinkly rockers set on growing old disgracefully



PARIS (AFP) - Mick Jagger will celebrate his 70th birthday Friday, his ecstatic reception last month at the Glastonbury Festival still ringing in his ears, as just one of a generation of wrinkly rockers determined not to go quietly.

The Stones raised the roof at the British music festival on June 29 with a two-hour performance featuring hits from their 50-year back catalogue, including "Jumpin' Jack Flash" and "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction".

Still athletic thanks to a

rigorous health and fitness regime, Jagger doesn't have any problems belting out the numbers either.

Pensionable they may be -- Jagger's birthday will bring their combined age to 277 -- but superannuated they are not.

The Glastonbury show was so popular one reviewer said a circus contortionist would have been hard pressed to get within 500 yards (metres) of the stage, and it garnered rave reviews as well as affectionately mocking headlines.

"Glastonbury's night of the living dead", said the Daily Mail newspaper, joking that while "Mick looked ready for more, Keith looked in need of a warm malt drink".

Last year, Jagger and fellow pensioners Keith Richards -- 70 later this year -- Charlie Watts, 71, and Ronnie Wood, 66, also played to packed houses on their "50 and Counting" tour to mark the group's 50th anniversary.

"I don't see why there shouldn't be a 60th anniver-

sary," said Richards at the time.

And the Stones -- creaking hips and knees permitting -- are far from alone.

Many of those who started off with them in the sixties are still performing -- alongside musicians who grew up listening to their music and are young enough to be their grandchildren.

The Who, with Roger Daltrey, 69, and Pete Townshend, 68, still tour and last year closed the London Olympics with crowd pleasers Baba O'Riley and "My Generation".

Earlier this year, David Bowie, 66, surprised the music world with a new album, "The Next Day", his first in a decade.

His wife Iman hinted that a tour might be in the pipeline despite earlier denials.

Last year, Bob Dylan, 72, Leonard Cohen, 78, and Patti Smith, 66, also recorded new albums, dispelling any lingering sense that pop music is the exclusive territory of the young.

All three continue to criss-cross the world to appear on stage.

Brian Wilson, 71, last year reformed the Beach Boys for the group's 50th anniversary and released an album, and

Paul McCartney, also 71, continues to compose and perform to packed houses.

A documentary that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival last year saw forgotten 1970s folk musician Sixto Rodriguez rediscovered.

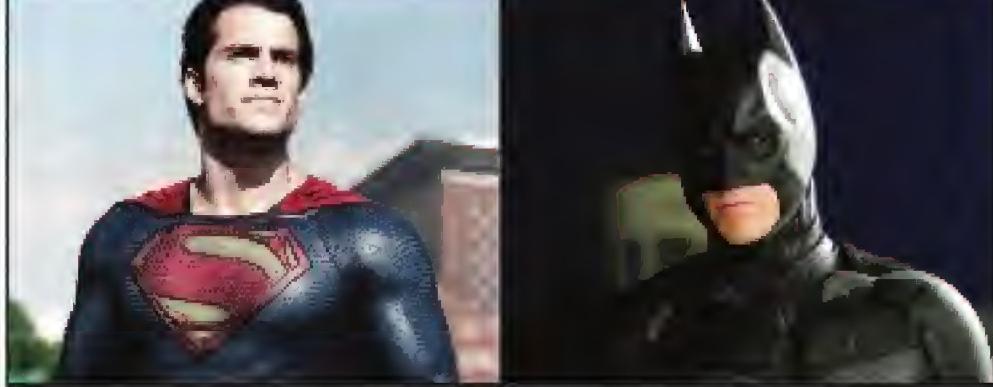
The "Sugar Man" of Detroit, 71, has since undertaken a sell-out world tour and also put in an appearance at Glastonbury.

But if artists are happy to carry on long beyond what many would have once considered their sell-by date, others wonder if such geriatric rock could stifle younger talents.

"We live in a pop age gone loco for retro and crazy for commemoration. Band reformations and reunion tours, expanded reissues of classic albums and outtake-crammed box sets, remakes and sequels, tribute albums and mash-ups," British writer Simon Reynolds said in his 2011 book "Retromania: Pop Culture's Addiction to its Own Past".

"But what happens when we run out of past? Are we heading toward a sort of cultural/ecological catastrophe where the archival stream of pop history has been exhausted?"

### Superman, Batman to team up in new film



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Superman and Batman are to team up in a new film, its director and the studio behind this year's blockbuster "Man of Steel" announced recently.

The new movie was announced by director Zack Snyder, widely praised for rebooting the Superman franchise last month, with Briton Henry Cavil proving his met-

tle in the title role.

Batman has yet to be cast, after Christian Bale said he had hung up his cape after the third and final "Dark Knight" movie last year.

The superhero double-act could be seen as an attempt by studio giant Warner Bros to emulate the record-breaking success of last year's "Avengers" mega-hit, featuring Marvel characters.

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8

a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda,

Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aaron's secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeno peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.



5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

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# Junior League Latin American Series 2013 Aruba kicks off



This past weekend the Junior Latin American Baseball League Series kicked off here on the island. It was an animated affair and was opened by the Minister of Sports Richard Visser and Minister of Finance Mike de Meza. The games are from July 20th to July 26th. Participating countries are Panama, Colombia, Salvador, Costa Rica, St. Thomas, Corson, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Aruba, Venezuela y Mexico. Aruba are participating with two teams. So Aruba is invited to come out and show support to our teams and the championship. Photos depict the Opening of the Games.

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## USA routs El Salvador to reach semis

BALTIMORE (AFP) - The United States easily advanced to the Gold Cup semi-finals with a 5-1 win over El Salvador behind a balanced attack that saw five different players score goals.

Landon Donovan led the attack on Sunday by scoring one goal and helping set up three others for the Americans, who reached the semi-finals of the biennial North American regional tournament for the seventh-straight time.

The Americans advance to face Honduras, who beat Costa Rica 1-0 in the second quarter-final contest Sunday.

"Landon again today proved how valuable he is and how he can make a dif-



ference," said USA coach Jürgen Klinsmann.

Donovan set up the first goal in the 21st minute with a cross to Clarence Goodson, who one-timed a shot home from six yards out at M&T Bank Stadium.

US goalkeeper Nick Rimando made a brilliant double stop a few minutes later to preserve the Americans' lead.

Joe Corona made it 2-0 by eluding a defender and slotting his shot inside the left post.

Rodolfo Zelaya got El Salvador back in it with a goal before halftime when he drew a foul on DaMarcus Beasley inside the penalty area. Zelaya successfully converted the spot kick.

USA's Eddie Johnson came off the bench in the 60th minute to score just seconds after stepping onto the pitch by heading home Donovan's corner kick.

Johnson also had a hand in the American's fourth goal. His flicked header in the 78th minute sprung Donovan, who got possession of the ball and stepped nicely around the goalkeeper before rolling it

into the empty net for a three-goal lead.

Mikkel Diskerud capped the scoring six minutes from time as he grabbed a Donovan cross and slotted it in to make it 5-1.

In Honduras's victory over Costa Rica, Andy Najar scored the lone goal of the contest in the 49th minute.

Honduras will meet the USA in the semis on Wednesday.

MLB Standings									
American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	60	40	.600	--	ATLANTA	55	43	.561	-
TAMPA	58	41	.586	1.5	PHILADEL.	49	50	.495	6.5
BALTIMORE	56	43	.566	3.5	WASHINGTON	48	50	.490	7.0
YANKEES	52	46	.531	7.0	NY METS	43	51	.457	10.0
TORONTO	45	52	.464	13.5	MIAMI	35	61	.365	19.0
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	53	44	.546	--	ST. LOUIS	59	37	.615	-
CLEVELAND	52	46	.531	1.5	PITTSBURGH	57	39	.594	2.0
KANSAS	45	50	.474	7.0	CINCINNATI	55	43	.561	5.0
MINNESOTA	41	54	.432	11.0	CHICAGO	43	53	.448	16.0
CHICAGO	39	56	.411	13.0	MILWAUKEE	41	56	.423	18.5
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	57	41	.582	--	ARIZONA	51	47	.520	-
TEXAS	54	44	.551	3.0	DODGERS	50	47	.515	0.5
LA ANGELES	46	50	.479	10.0	COLORADO	48	51	.485	3.5
SEATTLE	46	52	.469	11.0	SAN FRANCISCO	45	52	.464	5.5
HOUSTON	33	64	.340	23.5	SAN DIEGO	43	56	.434	8.5

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

## Ryan Braun suspended for season over doping



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun has been

suspended for the remainder of the season for violating Major League Baseball's drug policy.

Commissioner Bud Selig announced the suspension Monday and said it was effective immediately, which means Braun will miss the final 65 games of the Brewers' season.

## Hiddink steps down as Anzhi manager

MOSCOW (AFP) - Guus Hiddink has quit as manager of big-spending Russian Premier League big-spenders Anzhi Makhachkala, the club announced Monday.

The Dutchman's resignation was accepted and his fellow-Dutchman Rene Meulensteen, appointed to replace him.

Former Manchester United assistant coach Rene Meulensteen only joined Anzhi during the close season but has already been introduced to the players as the new head coach.

Hiddink, former Russia national manager, joined

club's highest-ever league finish.

Anzhi have had an indifferent start to the new season, picking up just one point in their first two matches.

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## Fifth world gold for Chen



China's Liu Huixia and Chen Ruolin compete in the women's 10-metre synchro platform final diving event in the FINA World Championships at the Piscina Municipal de Montjuic in Barcelona

BARCELONA (AFP) - Chinese diver Chen Ruolin collected her fifth world championship gold medal and a fourth consecutive win

in the women's 10m synchronised platform as she and partner Liu Huixia blew away the field in Barcelona on Monday.

Liu was Chen's fourth partner in her four successes in the event over the past six years, but the result was again inevitable as the pair surged ahead with their first dive and led throughout to record a final tally of 365.28 points.

"To win my first medal at this level in Barcelona is a great feeling," said a delighted Liu afterwards.

"Even if I don't have so much experience, I keep learning a lot with Chen".

And there could even be more to come for Chen later in the week as she looks to retain her title in the individual 10m platform which begins on Wednesday.

"Our coach often tells us: when you step down from the podium, you start again from zero," she said. "The experience is important, but it is not enough to get a medal - you

have to continue working hard."

Meaghan Benfeito and Roseline Filion snatched silver for Canada behind the Chinese duo with a dramatic final dive to edge out Malaysians Pandelela Rinong Pang and Mun Yee Leong by less than three tenth of a point as the Asian pair instead had to settle for a repeat of the bronze medal they won in Rome four years ago.

Chen and Liu's success rounded off a good day for the Chinese as reigning champion Li Shixin also claimed gold in the men's one metre springboard final earlier in the day.

The 25-year-old struggled early on and was only fifth in the standings after four of the six rounds, but he saved his best for last as his final two dives received the best two marks of the competition to launch him past Ukrainian Illya Kvasha and Mexico's Kevin Chavez, who took the silver and bronze respectively.

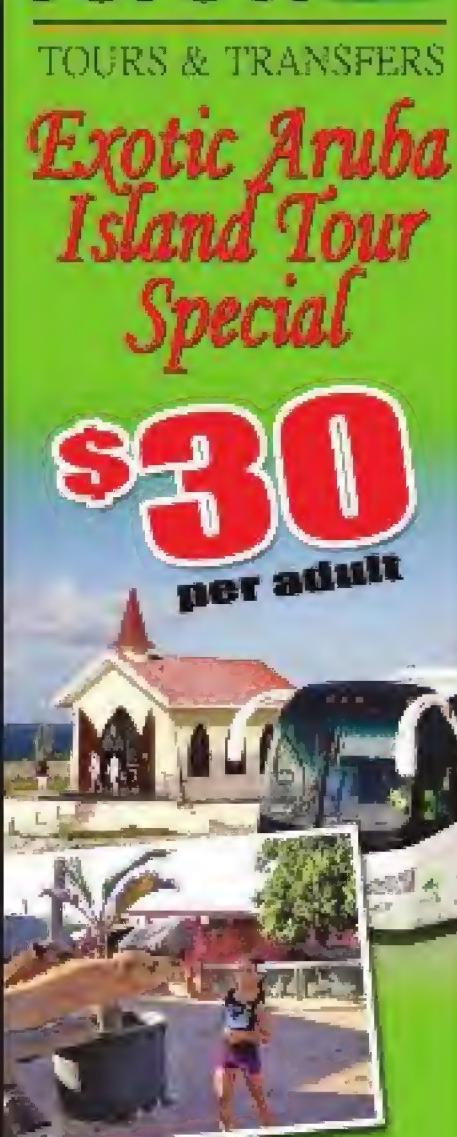
Another defending champions was victorious in the 10km open water event as Greece's Spyridon Gianniotis held off Thomas Lurz of Germany and 5km champion Oussama Mellouli of Tunisia to claim gold in the first event of the day in the Moll de la Fusta harbour.

And there was even something for the home crowd to cheer as Spain claimed their third medal of the championships with silver in the team technical routine of the synchronised swimming with Russia claiming gold and Ukraine the bronze.

  
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